

Generation Zero submissions

Number of submissions On time = 248 Late = 37

Question	Tally of responses	
	Yes	No
I oppose the Notice of Requirement lodged by Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) for the expansion of the airport into Miramar Golf Club (Ease Side Area) as the expansion is not needed for WIAL to meet future demand for air travel given the likely disruptions to international air travel from COVID-19	On time: 232 Late: 34 Total: 266 93%	On time: 16 Late: 3 Total: 19 7%
I also oppose the expansion of the Airport as it promotes the increased use of air travel and associated carbon emissions within Aotearoa New Zealand. I want to make it clear to WIAL and Wellington City Council that in order to meet our commitments under the Zero Carbon Act and Paris Accords, Aotearoa needs to significantly reduce its carbon emissions, including those from air travel.	On time: 241 Late: 35 Total: 276 97%	On time: 7 Late: 2 Total: 9 3%
I am concerned that the Airport expansion will lead to an increase in traffic to and from the airport, putting significant pressure on Wellington's transport system.	On time: 237 Late: 35 Total: 272 95%	On time: 11 Late: 2 Total: 13 5%
I am concerned that the Airport expansion will discourage urban intensification in the area around the airport as airport operations make the area less attractive to live in	On time: 226 Late: 34 Total: 260 91%	On time: 22 Late: 3 Total: 25 9%
I am concerned that the Airport expansion will make the surrounding area louder and more industrial, affecting Lyall Bay Beach and other recreational areas	On time: 230 Late: 32 Total: 262 92%	On time: 18 Late: 5 Total: 23 8%
I am concerned that the Airport expansion will damage the natural environment, particularly Lyall Bay and the surrounding marine area	On time: 245 Late: 36 Total: 281 99%	On time: 3 Late: 1 Total: 4 1%
I request that WIAL withdraw the Notice of Requirement. WIAL should then determine if the airport expansion is appropriate given the likely increase in carbon emissions and the impacts on international air travel from COVID-19	On time: 246 Late: 37 Total: 283 99%	On time: 2 Late: 0 Total: 2 1%
If WIAL decides withdraws the Notice of Requirement but decides to proceed with the expansion at a later date I ask that WIAL does not apply for a Notice of Requirement until 01	On time: 244 Late: 36 Total: 280	On time: 4 Late: 1 Total: 5

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January 2022, from which point carbon emissions can be considered under the RMA and measures to reduce or offset emissions put in place	98%	2%
I also ask that WIAL considers funding more sustainable modes of travel to and from Wellington city, like bus and rail	On time: 242 Late: 37 Total: 279 98%	On time: 6 Late: 0 Total: 6 2%
I also request that WIAL publicly notify any consent applications lodged with Greater Wellington Regional Council, given the effect it may have on the natural environment.	On time: 246 Late: 37 Total: 283 99%	On time: 2 Late: 0 Total: 2 1%
Select all that apply to you: (where selected, the responses are shown as italic comments in table below)	On time: 7 Late: 1 Total: 8 3%	On time: 241 Late: 36 Total: 277 97%
During the next phase of this consultation there will be opportunity to speak directly to the decision makers - keen? I want to speak in support of my submission.	On time: 14 Late: 0 Total: 14 5%	On time: 234 Late: 37 Total: 271 95%
During the next phase of this consultation there will be opportunity to speak directly to the decision makers - keen? If Generation Zero speaks in support of my submission, I will consider presenting a joint case at the hearing.	On time: 30 Late: 2 Total: 32 11%	On time: 218 Late: 35 Total: 253 89%

Responses to: 'Anything else you want Wellington International Airport to know?' and 'Select all that apply to you' questions (latter is highlighted).	
Submission number	Response
11	Expanding an airport in the midst of a climate emergency Wellington International AND a global pandemic that has shut down international travel is just mind-bogglingly illogical. Please don't do this!
12	Dear airport staff, I think that your vision of unabated airport expansion is irresponsible and immoral, given that we are in a climate crisis. It's unacceptable for you to be considering expansion, at least until carbon-neutral flights using synfuels or batteries become reality and airlines convert their fleets accordingly. Right now, you should be doing your best to facilitate reduction in flights.

	<p>Further, it is disingenuous to overlook your role in enabling aircraft emissions, and to overlook the fact that more efficient aircraft have not resulted in emissions reductions. On the contrary, aviation emissions are growing at a staggering rate.</p> <p>As you must be aware, the 1.5 degree warming target, which is now in New Zealand law, requires reductions of 45-50% by 2030 across all industry sectors as per the latest IPCC report. Your expansion plans are clearly incompatible with that. Your expansion is also inconsistent with the WCC declaration of climate emergency and a commitment to front-load reductions in this decade.</p> <p>Please dispense with the destructive logic of growth and profit by any means, and come up with a plan that actually ensures your children and grandchildren have a liveable planet.</p>
16	<p>This submission is on behalf of Parents for Climate Wellington International Aotearoa who are very concerned at the lack of foresight given our government and City Council have declared a climate emergency. Future travel is going to look very different and investing in expanding this infrastructure will lead to stranded assets long term. We must be viewing all decisions through a long term climate lens regardless if it is a requirement or not. It is good business sense to do this.</p>
19	<p>The land the golf is on is not suitable for their purposes due to the swamp. Now there is a hotel on their land they should be working Wellington International in with the club promoting the easy access to a world class course to the Japanese market and the like. Golf is an important business tool and removing such a course would not be in Wellingtons interests.</p>
20	<p>I am a lecturer in environmental studies at Victoria Wellington International University of Wellington, with expertise in environmental justice. The expansion of the airport to the east will have particularly negative effects on the Strathmore Park community, one of the most deprived communities in Wellington. The negative effects include air and noise pollution. To the best of my knowledge there has been very little engagement from the airport with the Strathmore Park Residents' Association, or other community organisations. I request that WIAL engages in a much more rigorous way with that community. Further, I oppose the expansion of the airport on the basis of the environmental injustice that it will generate on a low socio-economic community.</p>
21	<p>Wellingtons waterfront and beaches are precious. We've Wellington already lost so much natural landscape! It's time to stop. And the world should stop pushing international travel. It's not the future.</p>
25	<p>I am appalled that the board thinks this a good idea. Have they asked their children and grandchildren. Resign all of you.</p>
36	<p>We need to maintain the urban green spaces we still have not lose them and don't need more pollution locally from more and larger planes ...less air travel not more till clean energy found for planes.</p>
59	<p>It is time to reduce carbon emissions and align to the goals of the climate commission.</p>

61	<p>I want a future. I want a future for the generation after me. Expansion and consumption is not creating a sustainable world for us. It might work for you, but it does not work for us. Think about that. We don't need it. The economy is not the most important thing in the world and it will not help with the climate crisis we are facing. Think of the bigger picture and how you have the power to make changes. You literally have the power to make change, so please do it. My power lies within my voice. Its all I have so please listen</p>
63	<p>Building a runway extension amidst a deepening climate crisis is insane. The community will fight back. Please stop.</p>
68	<p>I encourage WIAL to carefully consider its impact on the environment, as rising sea levels brought on in part by aviation could see its airfield submerged in the future.</p>
69	<p>I don't believe expanding the Airport in this way, at this time, makes any sense. With climate change, we know that there is a strong possibility of sea level rise. The current location of the Airport is precarious at best. I would sooner see thought and time go into looking at alternatives to the current location, and ensuring the stability of air travel to Wellington.</p> <p>Given the pandemic, and other world wide factors, we may actually experience a longer term massive reduction in air traffic from overseas. It seems counter productive to me to be looking to expand, based on a pre COVID view of growth that is no longer as guaranteed as we might like to hope.</p> <p>At the very least, I'd like to see these plans take pause for the next 5 years, to allow for some time to assess where air travel is really going, and for other options to be considered.</p>
73	<p><i>Yes, I encourage WIAL and WCC to appreciate that keeping Wellington a medium size green city creates more value than the proposed expansion will. Contained and environmental growth and enhancing value points will contribute to a vibrant green city. A expansion strategy is really dated thinking. It is thinking that hasn't kept up with what people really value and environments where communities and businesses thrive.</i></p> <p>I am deeply upset by the proposed WIA expansion.</p>
74	<p><i>Yes, climate disaster is happening. WE DO NOT NEED TO ENCOURAGE MORE FOSSIL FUEL PLANES.</i></p> <p>Climate catastrophe is the most pressing and important issue for all of us. PLEASE make it a priority in every decision you make. Any way that runway will be underwater sooner than we think, if we increase the fossil fuel use.</p>
78	<p><i>yes, I am concerned that there has been almost zero consideration on how to make travel from wellington airport into the city, efficient enough to support an expansion of the airport. The current highways and access ways into Miramar is insufficient as is. Expansions will only make the issue worst for people living in the peninsula.</i></p>

	Miramar peninsular should not be made into a city hub, without consultation of those who live here. It is first and foremost, a suburban area. Council should be prioritizing developing infrastructure to support the suburban living, rather than looking to expand the airport, before those problems are addressed.
84	<p><i>Yes, I would like to see walking access to the airport improved. The 20km/h speed limit is great but it is still hard to cross the road.</i></p> <p>Airport operations and flights create a significant loud sound issue for this area and other parts of Wellington. Please look at supporting lower noise aircraft.</p>
95	It is vital that we all take climate change seriously. Unstable and extreme weather puts a bigger burden on the less well resourced first. It is risky, it is costly. We must act fast to avoid it getting worse. Lyall bay needs to be protected. Humans have been too controlling over nature. Many species are at risk. Please stop this project.
100	I point to the example of the BER airport that was completed 9 years late at great cost and inconvenience to the local economy. Local interest not corporate interest!
102	This is a beautiful recreational and living area. Expansion of the airport - the very antithesis of that - is not something Wellington should desire. Lyall Bay is fine now, and could even be so much more as a recreation, cafe, tourist, surfing area, but not if it's compromised further, relegated to a puddle next to a concrete nest for giant flying machines
111	<p>The style of leadership displayed by Wellington International Airport Ltd is concerning. Cutting heaps of jobs, changing staff to reduced hours and getting WCC to underwrite them \$25M because they foresaw financial trouble – then they didn't even need to access the \$25M AND they claimed the COVID-19 employee subsidy to the tune of easily over \$1M. To then announce that they intend on expanding shows their priorities are truly with maximising profit, and not the best interests of the Wellington community. Our city's transport infrastructure is already at breaking point. LGWM and other attempts at unlocking our transport grid are stalling and looking more dubious every day (see the recent review). The airport expansion looks to make this even worse.</p> <p>At the bare minimum, conditions must be put on the airport should this expansion be approved. For starters, removing any levy on public transport accessing the airport AND making accessing that public transport easier must be prioritised. Furthermore, the airport flyer needs to be reinstated as soon as feasibly possible (far sooner than 2022) and the frequency of said buses needs to be substantially increased compared to the schedule before they were cut. Prices need to be the same as using a regular public bus too.</p> <p>This will require a joint effort between the airport, WCC and GWRC – and I encourage as much transparency and collaboration between all parties.</p>
115	Fault line, Roding / traffic, Environment hazard, More Taxes
140	I object to the use of fossil fuel, that is ANY precious carbon budget to extend the airport.

	I lived in Wellington from 1981-95 and am very aware of the problems associated with the airport and proposed expansion.
141	We are in the crucial years when we have the opportunity to prevent or at least reduce the impacts of global warming. We cannot proceed as normal, as if increasing carbon emissions is not complicit in the climate emergency, we must prioritise all possible avenues for reducing emissions and thus reducing the awful impacts that we must otherwise face. Those in positions of power need to recognise this is an emergency situation.
147	If you, WIAL, expand the airport leading to an increase in flights, you are complicit in theft from future generations. They will hold you accountable.
166	<i>Yes, the planet needs less aeroplanes in the air not more. If WIA has spare money, it should invest in low carbon forms of transport. The objective should be sustainable transport to reduce putting CO2 into the atmosphere</i>
169	Sad to say we have to bite the bullet
177	Destroy the surf at the beach, essentially taking away one of cities natural recreational outlets as well as altering local culture and history
178	I wonder if Wellington Int Airport Ltd is living on the same planet as I am. This one is frying from overuse of cheap fossil fuels, including aviation fuels. We need to start counting - and reducing! - our carbon emissions from international flights in our national ETS (also sea freight), not expanding airports for tourism that is on hold anyway. That era is over.
179	The PM has made it very clear that we are in a climate crisis. Please make us proud of you by your decision not to extend the airport. It is clear that the economy has been too reliant on tourists, and we are moving away from that because covid and its variants are here to stay. Business people can hold meetings via zoom and similar technology. Please get with the trends and make us proud
184	When will organisations associated with air travel understand that this is one of the things that has to change in order for future generations to have a decent (albeit different) life from that of those of us already alive? Taking profits now from future generations' wellbeing is selfish, short-sighted and morally indefensible.
185	Petro-chemicals is the sound of jet planes.
199	I am not at all convinced about the passenger numbers suggested in the report this is just not needed and is another case of expansion for expansion's sake. There are lots of unsubstantiated claims about sustainable aviation in the proposal - where is the science in all this. The ground transport links required for a sustainable airport do not exist and there is no credible plan that suggests this will be remedied in the time frame given.
210	I oppose the expansion of Wellington airport because of the financial risk. We have no idea how the future of international air travel is going to pan out after the pandemic and there is a real risk of producing a very expensive stranded asset. The sensible plan is to shelve it for a couple of years and see which way the wind blows
217	It's shameful this is still being considered. What part of "climate emergency" don't you understand?
224	The entire planet is now experiencing the sixth mass extinction and

	accelerating climate destabilisation due to human activity including excessive fossil fuel burning. All man-made greenhouse gas emissions must drop drastically within the next decade or two, so there is absolutely no justification for expanding air travel or airport infrastructure. We are in a climate emergency as our Prime Minister has affirmed. Wake up WIAL!
226	<i>yes, This potential expansion of carbon-intensive transport capacity seems particularly inappropriate given its proximity to the Climate Change Commissions imminent report.</i>
231	Wellington airport should be looking to reduce its activities not increase them - its is an emergency and we need to get to zero emissions asap - we need to face this reality and look to transition workers to other employment opportunities that interest them.
237	We cannot keep polluting the atmosphere! Air travel is a nice to have, but ecosystems and people will die unless we make drastic changes to reduce carbon emissions. Be on the right side of history - cancel the expansion of pollution
244	I am concerned about damaging the surf break at Lyall bay further. Thousands of people enjoy those each week and the airport expansion is unnecessary in the current times.
250	There are nesting blue penguins in the area, a safe known place for them that will be disrupted if the expansion happens, as well as increased water pollutants. Our oceans are ravaged already, please don't add to it.
257	Please move the airport to an area where it is more sustainable for growth. It is not sustainable or safe to maintain and grow the airport where it is in the long run, specially as residential density increases around the airport. The sooner this gets addressed the better. The airport area should be regenerated back into an area of nature that the whole city can enjoy and possibly some well thought urban development. This will increase Wellington's liveability and make it more attractive for people to visit. The growth of the airport will be a constant nuisance that will make the city less attractive.
258	I wish to know how Wellington International Airport has concluded that expanding the airport footprint will be compatible with the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act and the Paris Agreement obligation of pursuing a limit of human-caused global warming of 2C or preferably 1.5C.
263	This is the opposite to what we need to be doing if the current inhabitants of the Earth are to have a future
275	I'm worried about the impact of a potential airport expansion into the golf course on the surf break in Lyall Bay (because we can only assume that this expansion will be coupled with a runway length expansion).
Late Submissions	
1	Expansion is a bad idea- it would be disastrous with king tides rises / water levels in next decades also the fossils used for plane fuel- disgusting.
3	Get with the needs of the world and stop polluting!
4	Instead develop Paraparaumu airport; more space, capacity and potential for growth. All things that Wellington Airport, in its current location, is desperately

	lacking. Develop a regional strategy for the whole Wellington region. It doesn't make sense to develop WIAL on a peninsula at the furthest tip of the region.
5	1 litre of aviation fuel produces over 2Kg of CO2 which is more than 50,000 litres of CO2. Think how many litres of CO2 are dumped in the atmosphere each time a plane takes off or lands at the Wellington Airport not to mention the amount dumped during flight. THIS IS A CLIMATE EMERGENCY
8	Honestly we don't need a bigger airport. Nz is full of airports, it's very quick and easy to get to auckland or Chch for long haul flights and increasing the ease at which people can fly overseas will only encourage more to do so, when they might not need to and certainly shouldn't, given we are in a climate emergency.
9	I encourage the WIAL to reflect on the most appropriate land use of the golf course while we are in a housing crisis - should this be used for a larger airport when plane usage has significantly reduced? Or should this be used to develop housing? I urge you to consider the latter question as the most salient and appropriate option.
15	<i>yes, I just think it is immoral to even think of expanding an airport in the middle of a global climate crisis. Plus the local environment damage and pollution that goes with such a destructive project. What planet are you people on? STOP!!!! p!!!!</i>
16	After 33 years in the airline industry, I realise that continued growth of aviation tourism is creating a legacy which we should all be ashamed to leave to our children and their children: a legacy of climate change. I still love flying and am an active glider pilot, but feel I must oppose this proposal.
17	NZ needs faster electric trains and better bus/coach as affordable low carbon options for some intercity travel.
30	I am already annoyed by the enormous quantity of noise generated by the aircraft passing over Brooklyn. This will surely get worse if the planned extension goes ahead. My demand. Re-establish the airport well away from the city and link to it by light rail. Future generations will praise you for your foresight.
37	We must do all we can to protect our beautiful Aotearoa .. and this unique Blue Planet!